

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

20-cr-37 (LAK)

SHELLY WASHINGTON and WARREN ALEXANDER,

Defendants.
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ORDER

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, *District Judge*.

By a memorandum endorsement dated March 11, 2020 (Dkt. 10), the court reset the pre-trial motion briefing schedule for defendant Shelly Washington. The court now sets the same schedule for defendant Warren Alexander. Alexander's motions, if any, must be filed by May 12, 2020. The government's response, if any, must be filed by June 2, 2020. Alexander's reply, if any, must be filed by June 9, 2020. A status conference for defendants Washington and Alexander is set for June 17, 2020 at 11 AM.

Time already is excluded for Washington until the June status conference. As to Alexander, a co-defendant joined for trial with Washington, time is excluded also from now until June 17, 2020. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6). In addition, the court finds that the ends of justice would be served by allowing the parties additional time to brief any issues presented by Alexander's motions in light of the logistical inconveniences created by the COVID-19 epidemic, and particularly the difficulty defense attorneys have faced in communicating with individuals like Alexander who are held in pretrial detention. These factors outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. *See id.* § 3161(h)(7).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 21, 2020

/s/ Lewis A. Kaplan

Lewis A. Kaplan
United States District Judge